



BLAZE ORANGE

The Outdoor Guide To Fort Drum

Fall 2004 Edition



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All recreationists are responsible for knowing the laws, regulations and procedures for recreational activities on Fort Drum as set forth in *Fort Drum Regulation 420-3, Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Camping*, available at the Fish & Wildlife Management Program office (Bldg. T-4848) and the Natural Resources Permit Office (Bldg. S-2509).

2004-2005 PERMITS FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES —

Military personnel and their families, Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees and local community members are all welcome to hunt, fish, trap and pursue other recreational opportunities on Fort Drum lands. Participants in any recreational activity must first obtain a Fort Drum Recreation Permit and Access Pass in addition to a valid New York State license for hunting, fishing or trapping activities.

Current Fort Drum Recreation Permit and Access Passes will expire on September 30, 2004.

Fort Drum Recreation Permits and Access Passes for the 2004-2005 season are available beginning on September 7 at the Natural Resources Permit Office, located in Bldg. S-2509 on Route 26 between Great Bend and the Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield.

Boating, hiking, bird-watching and other similar activities (see complete list on page 3) are free-of-charge, but possession of a Recreation Permit and Access Pass is required.

To obtain a new recreation permit, all recreational users on Fort Drum will be required to complete a recreational use survey. The information obtained will be utilized by Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program.

Hunting, fishing and trapping permit fees are noted below. Applicants must bring a photo ID and current New York State hunting, fishing or trapping license to obtain a Fort Drum permit for these activities.

Please Note: New York State hunting, fishing and trapping licenses must be purchased off post at local License Issuing Agents.

Recreation Permit & Access Pass Fee Schedule for 2004-2005

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Big Game Hunting..... | \$10 |
| Small Game Hunting.... | \$8 |
| Fishing..... | \$8 |
| Trapping..... | \$10 |

Combination Permits

| | |
|--|------|
| Big Game Hunting, Small Game Hunting and Fishing..... | \$22 |
| Big Game Hunting, Small Game Hunting, Fishing and Trapping.... | \$30 |

**** PURCHASES ARE CASH ONLY ****

ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SESSIONS

| DATE | TIME |
|------------------|------------|
| Wed., Sept. 8 | 3—6 pm |
| Thurs., Sept. 9 | 3—6 pm |
| Fri., Sept. 10 | 3—6 pm |
| Fri., Sept. 17 | 3—6 pm |
| Sat., Sept. 18 | 10 am—1 pm |
| Sun., Sept. 19 | 10 am—1 pm |
| Wed., Sept. 22 | 3—6 pm |
| Thurs., Sept. 23 | 3—6 pm |
| Sat., Sept. 25 | 10 am—1 pm |
| Sun., Sept. 26 | 10 am—1 pm |
| Tues., Sept. 28 | 3—6 pm |
| Wed., Sept. 29 | 3—6 pm |

ALL ARCHERS MUST QUALIFY TO HUNT FOR 2004-2005 SEASON

All archers must attend and pass an archery qualification session before bowhunting on Fort Drum. Archers fulfilling requirements will receive a Fort Drum Archery Qualification Card, which must be in the archer's possession while hunting on Fort Drum. Archers are required to re-qualify every year before hunting on Fort Drum.

To hunt in the training areas, archers may qualify from the ground or from an elevated structure by shooting 3 of 5 arrows equipped with broadheads in the vital area of life-size 3-D deer targets. Military and civilian DoD personnel planning to hunt in Fort Drum's cantonment (fenced in) area are required to qualify from the elevated structure.

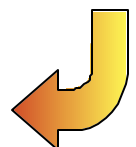


A New York State Archery Stamp and a Fort Drum Recreation Permit are not required to attend a qualification session.

All archery qualification sessions will be held near the Natural Resources Permit Office, Bldg. S-2509, located on Route 26 between Great Bend and the Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield.

Archery qualifications take about 10 minutes to complete and will take place rain or shine.

Schedule of Archery Qualification Sessions to left.



Questions? Call the Fish & Wildlife Management Program at 772-9636 or 772-4999.

DEER MANAGEMENT PERMITS

Beginning August 16, hunters may apply for Deer Management Permits (DMPs) via the Department of Environmental Conservation automated licensing system (DECALS).

Hunters can apply for up to two Deer Management Permits in the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) of their choice. DMPs will be issued by random computer selection at the License Issuing Agent and if selected, applicants will receive DMP(s) immediately.

- ◆ Hunters possessing a DMP may take one antlerless deer per permit, in addition to a deer that may be taken with a regular big game license.
- ◆ DMPs are valid beginning October 23 in the Northern Zone, which includes WMU 6H, Fort Drum.
- ◆ DMPs may only be used in the WMU designated on the permit.

There are 700 DMPs available for unit 6H, which encompasses Fort Drum. If permits remain after the initial application period ends on October 1, remaining DMPs may be available on a 'first-come/first-served' basis beginning in early November at all License Issuing Agents. Call the NYSDEC information hotline at 866-472-4332 in late October to determine if and in which WMUs 'first-come/first-served' deer management permits will be available.

➔ Deer Management Permit Fees:

Resident Small & Big Game, Non-resident Big Game license holders ...\$10
All other license holders.....FREE

ANTLERLESS DEER TAGS AVAILABLE FOR CANTONMENT AREA ARCHERS

To assist deer management in the cantonment area, 40 antlerless deer tags will be available as part of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP).

DMAP tags will be issued on a 'first come, first served' basis for one day use. Tags are available upon check-in at Range Control (Bldg. P-4855). If the tag is not filled, it must be returned to Range Control at check-out.

Archers are allowed to fill a maximum of two DMAP tags per license. DMAP tags are available from October 1 – December 5.

Archers harvesting deer within the Cantonment Area are required to bring their harvest to Bldg. T-4848 for weighing and aging. The check station will be open from 7am - 4:30pm, Monday thru Friday. Deer harvested on weekends and federal holidays must be brought in the next business day during normal hours of operation. If the meat is in danger of spoiling it may be processed, but the head must be brought in for aging within 3 business days. If other arrangements are necessary, archers must call the Fish and Wildlife Management Program at 772-4999.

Deer harvested through the DMAP program may be given to the NYSDEC's venison donation program. Hunters may drop off deer at the Fish and Wildlife Management Program Office. It will then be taken to the NYSDEC facility in Brownsville for processing and distribution.

EDUCATION CLASSES ARE MANDATORY FOR FIRST-TIME HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

All first-time hunters, trappers and bowhunters must pass a safety and education course before they can get a license in New York State. Courses are free-of-charge and are administered by the NYSDEC.

For course descriptions, visit the NYSDEC website:

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/sportsed/index.html>

To find a course in your county, call the regional Sportsman Education office at (315) 785-2544.



WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU VISITED THE FISH & WILDLIFE MGT. PROGRAM WEBSITE?

You'll find all the most up-to-date hunting information, permit information, important dates, angling and birding brochures and answers to your most frequently asked questions.

www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/FishAndWild.html

WANTED: TRAPPERS



Fort Drum is currently accepting applications for a volunteer nuisance trapper for 2005. Candidates must have a valid NYS trapping license and supply their own trapping equipment, including a vehicle. Due to post security, only current DoD-ID cardholders may apply.

For more information, call 772-4999.

FIREWOOD PERMITS

- ◆ Available at the Natural Resources Permit Office
- ◆ \$10 per full cord
- ◆ Firewood maps available
- ◆ Call 772-3170 for more information



STOP IN AND TAKE A LOOK!



There are many new displays at the Natural Resources Permit Office, Bldg. S-2509, Rte. 26.

Visit: <http://www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/FishAndWild.html>

HISTORIC DEER HARVEST ON FORT DRUM

Numbers based on information from the NYSDEC.

| YEAR | Total Deer | Male Adults | Male Fawns | Female Adults | Female Fawns |
|------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1995 | 332 | 264 | 10 | 51 | 7 |
| 1996 | 312 | 256 | 7 | 42 | 7 |
| 1997 | 337 | 258 | 11 | 60 | 8 |
| 1998 | 353 | 259 | 17 | 66 | 11 |
| 1999 | 386 | 267 | 21 | 82 | 16 |
| 2000 | 446 | 288 | 28 | 110 | 20 |
| 2001 | 338 | 208 | 24 | 88 | 18 |
| 2002 | 509 | 248 | 58 | 165 | 38 |
| 2003 | 404 | 167 | 43 | 154 | 40 |

8th Annual Fishing Derby Winners

A record number of young anglers turned out for the 8th Annual Fishing Derby held at Remington Park on May 22nd.

More than 600 fish were caught by 130 participants! Prizes were generously provided by the event sponsor, AAFES.

***** FISHING DERBY *****

Overall Largest Fish Caught: Jacob Cahill, Age 12, White Sucker

Overall Most Fish Caught: Benjamin Bartell, Age 11, 41 fish

Ages 6 and Under

Largest Fish

Most Fish

1st Prize

Kaitlyn Dworak

Ely Miller

2nd Prize

Isaac Barkley

Breannah Brock

3rd Prize

James Dworak

Alyssa Hicks

Ages 7–11

Largest Fish

Most Fish

1st Prize

Annalese Bushfield

Brittany Fetterman

2nd Prize

Lantz Ganno

Daniel Iles

3rd Prize

Edward Malinowski

Chad Isbell

Ages 12–18

Largest Fish

Most Fish

1st Prize

Billie Palmer

Shelby Tumbleson

2nd Prize

Jessica Palmer

Cole Paradise

3rd Prize

Sean Iles

William Iles

***** FURTHEST CAST CONTEST *****

Ages 6 and Under: River Simard

Ages 7–10: Tyler Augliano

Ages 11–14: Nicholas Price



IMPORTANT REGULATION CHANGES ON FORT DRUM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004



► Shotgun Use in Training Areas 4A, 4B, 4D

Training Areas 4A, 4B and 4D are open to small game hunting with a shotgun outside the regular deer hunting season. Trappers are also allowed to use .22 rimfire weapons in these areas. NO FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED FOR ANY REASON DURING THE BIG GAME HUNTING SEASON (Sept. 18 – Dec. 5) IN TRAINING AREAS 4A, 4B and 4D.

► Modified Blaze Orange Requirement

Turkey hunters are required to wear blaze orange as they walk to and from their hunting areas, however, spring and fall turkey hunters will not be required to wear blaze orange while sitting in the woods hunting. Instead, they will be required to have 144 square inches of blaze orange placed in a tree within 10 feet of their position.

Waterfowl hunters will be required to wear blaze orange as they walk to and from a blind, but not while sitting in a blind.

► No Designated Parking Areas in Cantonment Area

Cantonment area archery hunters are no longer required to park in designated areas—all vehicles are now required to be parked in such a manner to not obstruct traffic and allow other vehicles to pass.

FEEDING DEER IS ILLEGAL AND HARMFUL

Post residents and community members are reminded that it is against New York State law to put out any materials that may attract deer to feed. State lawmakers put the regulation into effect on January 9, 2003 in an effort to prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease in NY and protect the overall health of white-tailed deer. Violation of this law is punishable with a fine of up to \$250 and 15 days in jail.



ACTIVITIES ALLOWED WITH A FORT DRUM RECREATION PERMIT & ACCESS PASS

- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ Hunting & Scouting
- ◆ Trapping
- ◆ Camping
- ◆ Wildlife Viewing
- ◆ Berry / Mushroom Picking
- ◆ Picnicking
- ◆ Hiking
- ◆ Boating (including kayaking and canoeing)
- ◆ Cross-Country Skiing
- ◆ Snowshoeing
- ◆ Photography
- ◆ Biking
- ◆ Horseback Riding
- ◆ Target shooting [see 4(a) in Regulation 420-3]
- ◆ Snowmobiling (only in Training Areas 7E, 7F, 7G)

PHEASANT STOCKING ON FORT DRUM

Last year, Fort Drum was stocked with more than 400 ring-necked pheasants, released on 5 dates in October, November and December. For updated information on pheasant stocking in 2004, visit the website listed below or call 772-9636.



Visit: <http://www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/FishAndWild.html>

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**NATURAL RESOURCES PERMIT OFFICE
HOURS OF OPERATION**

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Through Sept. 4, 2004 | Thurs.–Friday: 11am–6pm Saturday: 9am–1pm |
| Sept. 7 – Oct. 30, 2004 | Tues.–Friday: 11am–6pm Saturday: 8am–4pm |
| Nov. 3 - Dec. 4, 2004 | Wed.–Friday: 11am–6pm Saturday: 8am–4pm |
| Dec. 11, 2004 – Mar. 26, 2005 | Saturday: 8am–4pm |



FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
TEL: 315-772-9636 OR 315-772-4999

[www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/
FishAndWild.html](http://www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/FishAndWild.html)

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